Home Visiting Program



Wisconsin

Family Foundations, Wisconsin's Home Visiting Program, is funded in part through federal investments from the Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Home Visiting Program (Home Visiting Program), and provides voluntary, evidence-based home visiting services to at-risk pregnant women and parents with young children.

The Home Visiting Program, which builds upon decades of scientific research, provides voluntary, culturally-appropriate, individually-tailored supports to families in their homes, including providing information about children's health, development, and safety, and when appropriate, referrals to support services.

Through federal grants from the Home Visiting Program, in fiscal year 2014, home visitors in Wisconsin:

- Made 17,339 home visits to 2,207 parents and children in 1,174 families
- Enrolled 981 new parents and children to the program
- Served families living in communities in 15 counties across the state, or 21% of Wisconsin counties

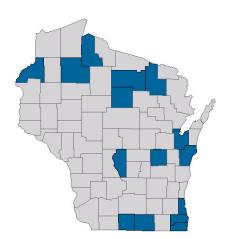
The Home Visiting Program in Wisconsin:

- Has developed a home visiting Mentor-Protégé program to improve model implementation fidelity and increase efficiency
- Has developed the childhood Experiences Survey to document prevalence of adverse childhood experiences (ACES) among parents/caregivers to inform goal setting and service delivery
- Has created the reflective practice project for programs to introduce monthly case-based discussions facilitated by a trained infant mental health consultant to enhance family engagement and improve staff retention

Like all Home Visiting Program grantees, Wisconsin uses evidence-based home visiting models that are proven to improve child health and to be cost effective. Wisconsin leverages federal funds to implement the following models to serve children and families across the state:

- Healthy Families America
- Nurse-Family Partnership
- Parents as Teachers
- Early Head Start

Counties with home visiting services funded by federal grants from the Home Visiting Program (as of February 2015)*:



*Adams, Ashland, Brown, Burnett, Forest, Green, Kenosha, Lincoln, Manitowoc, Milwaukee, Oneida, Racine, Rock, Sawyer, Winnebago More about Wisconsin:

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The Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Home Visiting Program is administered by the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) in close partnership with the Administration for Children and Families (ACF). The Program supports at-risk pregnant women and families, and helps parents of children from birth to kindergarten entry tap the resources and hone the skills they need to raise children who are physically, socially, and emotionally healthy and ready to learn.

Research shows that home visits by a nurse, social worker, early childhood educator, or other trained professional during pregnancy and in the first years of life improve maternal and child health, prevent child abuse and neglect, increase positive parenting, and enhance child development and school readiness.